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### IN OUR VALLEY

HAVE YOU listened in on station KWWG, Brownsville, recently? The station went on the air again Saturday night, after having been rebuilt.

Have you noticed that, thus far at least, if you do not want to keep station KWWG on your dial, it is easy to get away from it and to receive from distant stations?

That's one of the results of the rebuilding, although the station operators admit that at any time something may go wrong, and alter that situation.

But in the meantime it is doing just that, which was not the case when the station was on the air some months ago. That brought a howl from radio fans.

Station KWWG, President J. M. Gilliam will tell you, means to give such programs as will keep the fans interested. More than that, it proposes to go out over the country. Which has been one of the prime reasons for station KWWG.

WILL ROGERS sends a daily message to a large number of newspapers over the country.

When he flew over the Lower Rio Grande Valley recently he was evidently impressed.

He told the readers in his daily message, "I flew over the Lower Rio Grande Valley today. It's wonderful. The only thing wrong is, I understand the republicans are about to take it."

Anyhow that little line about the Valley is worth something to the Valley. Among the papers that printed it was the New York Times. The Times paid 100 cents for that sentence. If anyone else had said it, the one who said it would have had to pay mighty good money to get it into the Times. And it wouldn't have gone on the first page, either.

THE RIO GRANDE is being bridged again at Brownsville.

The work has been pushed across the river and pile drivers are now at work on the Mexican side of the stream.

Something like a half million dollars is the amount to be expended in putting a general traffic bridge across the border stream.

No doubt good streets will be built on the Mexican side of the river, connected with the city of Matamoros proper, with a good road and sidewalks.

Perhaps there will be other developments. A bright, up and going bridge company will do things to increase the use of the bridge.

The next important facility is a telephone exchange in Matamoros, which will be connected with the city of Brownsville.

COLONEL JOHNSON'S field at Fort Brown continues to be the most popular landing field for airplanes arriving in and leaving Brownsville on international journeys.

The result of the post command's work in developing his drill field has been well demonstrated in the fact that even in wet weather a giant twelve-passenger plane found no difficulty in landing or taking off.

That comes from the particular attention given the matter of drainage, no doubt.

But a much larger field is necessary if Brownsville becomes the international air gateway that it hopes to be.

A tract of at least 640 acres is declared to be needed.

Experts in army air circles and other governmental departments say it should be back from the Rio Grande, not more than five or six miles from Brownsville, and located on a paved road.

There are said to be several available sites.

And the city is preparing to act on the proposition.

STANLEY COPELAND, ex-Valleyite was a member of the Lindbergh party that passed through Brownsville Wednesday en route to Detroit.

Stanley Copeland handled Ford automobiles in the Valley some fifteen years ago. Lived at San Benito.

Later went to Laredo. Then on to Mexico City.

Pioneers in south Cameron county will remember Stanley Copeland.

**Ft. Worth Grocer Ends Life By Hanging Self**

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 29. (P)—Hanging himself with a rope to the rafters of his barn, Walter J. Carlson, grocerman, ended his own life today.

A verdict of suicide was returned by a justice of the peace. The man had been in ill health for some time.

**WOULD DELAY TAX BILL**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29. (P)—A desire of administration leaders in the senate to delay the tax bill until after March 15, so that definite information could be obtained on this year's returns, was disclosed today by Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee, who asked Secretary Mellon if such action would inconvenience the treasury.

### Accompany New Envoy to U. S.



Here are the latest portraits of Baroness von Prittwitz, wife of the new German ambassador to the United States, and their little daughter Maria. The Baroness formerly was Countess Strachwitz, a member of an old Silesian family.

### Matamoros Air Port Sure; Free Site Here Looms

With the announcement that Matamoros would immediately purchase a site for a municipal landing field and receipt of information by the airport committee of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce that a free site is to be offered, plans for the international air lane through here went forward again in the past 24 hours.

Active steps toward making the last connection in aerial lines from Mexico City to various points in the United States through Brownsville and Matamoros, these lines running south from Mexico City into Central and South America, were announced today by Matamoros.

That city, through its chamber of commerce, of which Louis Rendon is secretary, has made arrangements for the purchase of a site for a large municipal landing field, and will immediately erect hangars and other necessary fixtures to make it a first class landing field.

This action was taken in view of the proposed lines through Matamoros and Brownsville to Houston and San Antonio, and on to other sections of the country. More definite steps were arranged today following receipt of information that the Mexican Aviation corporation has been granted a franchise to announce a line from Mexico City to Matamoros, and one south from Mexico City to Guatemala.

The Matamoros Chamber of Commerce has not settled on a definite location for the airport, although it is likely that it will be near the present landing field, it was stated. The chamber is making final arrangements now for the purchase of the site, and for financing the improvements necessary.

This field, and the one to be purchased and improved by the city of Brownsville, will complete the link in the airway lines by this route, and will insure early operation of planes through here on regular lines, it was said.

A gift of 640 acres near Loma Alta, about nine miles from the city limits, will be tendered to the city of Brownsville for the development of the airport, according to an announcement made Thursday morning. The owners of the land are O. W. Singer, Frank Rabb and the Lopez Estate.

"The land would be ideal for that purpose providing it is not too far from the city," Mr. Singer said. "Present plans will bring pavement within two or three miles of the tract, and this could be extended to the airport in the event the offer is accepted."

It is understood that no concrete offer has been made the airport committee of the Chamber of Commerce in connection with this land, but that it will be tendered at an early date.

The land lies adjacent to Loma Alto lake about nine miles northeast of the city near the Brownsville-Point Isabel road.

### BOND IS SET IN STELL CASE

### Preliminary Hearing Before Kleiber Comes to End

Dr. George S. Stell, charged with murder in connection with death at the Mercy hospital Monday night of Mrs. Lucille Watkins, former resident of St. Louis, was placed under \$5,000 bond by Judge John I. Kleiber Wednesday afternoon following the examining trial.

The state charges that the death of Mrs. Watkins resulted from a criminal operation.

An autopsy on the body was performed by Drs. R. H. Eisman and J. G. Church of Brownsville Tuesday night, and was sent to St. Louis Wednesday night for burial. The husband, L. L. Watkins, accompanied the body but will return to Brownsville in a week or ten days.

Testimony at the examining trial was given by L. L. Watkins, O. R. Steele, brother-in-law of the dead woman, Dr. Eisman, who attended her, and Sam Hughton. The latter had accompanied Harry Faulk, county attorney to the office of Dr. Stell in the capacity as a witness.

Dr. Eisman stated he was called to the Watkins cottage at the tourist camp on December 20, and found Mrs. Watkins' condition so serious that he advised moving her to the Mercy hospital. Her condition grew worse rapidly, and on Sunday night, December 21, he signed a statement in the presence of county attorney, per husband and Dr. Eisman in which he charged that Dr. Stell had performed the operation. Dr. Eisman testified that an examination made at the hospital on December 20 had convinced him that an operation had been performed.

The defense made no statement and placed no witnesses on the stand. The bond was fixed by Judge Kleiber upon agreement of attorneys, Tuesday.

### Honduran Asks Data On Valley

From far-off Honduras has come an inquiry regarding the Valley. G. C. Richardson, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a letter from Albert Colton, of Puerto Cortes, asking about cotton and alfalfa growing conditions here.

Mr. Colton is at present connected with the Cortes Development Co. in Honduras, but indicates he would like to change to the Valley. He would be interested in renting 100 to 250 acres of land for cultivation here, his letter stated.

Valley literature is being forwarded to him.

# OFFICERS SEARCH FOR MISSING VALLEY MAN

## Sooner Chief Victor in Fight

### MOVE TO OUST GOVERNOR IS VOTED DOWN

### 'Impeachment Court' Decides Session of House That Made Charges Was Illegal

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 29. (P)—Impachment charges against Governor Henry S. Johnston and two other state officials were dismissed today by members of the Oklahoma senate, sitting as a court of impeachment.

The senators immediately left the meeting, which was held in a downtown hotel.

By a vote of 22 to 16, the senate adopted a motion by Senator Guy L. Andrews of McAlester, holding that the house of representatives had no authority to convene itself and bring the charges. No adjournment vote was taken.

H. Tom Knight, house leader who has fought for several months to bring charges against Governor Johnston, Chief Justice Branson of the state supreme court and President Harry Cordell of the state board of agriculture, said the senate vote meant efforts to convene the legislature against the rulings of state courts and the resistance of the governor, were at an end.

As soon as the Smith order, which was signed by Senator Mac Q. Will (Continued on page two.)

### LINDY LAUDED IN GUATEMALA

### Mother Continues Trip Home After Brief Halt Here

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 29. (P)—The capital of the "Land of the Eagle" today entertained its adopted son, the Lone Eagle, who came here on a mission of good will. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first and longest leg of his Central American flight over a hazardous mountainous country in less time than he had expected.

The Spirit of St. Louis performed magnificently on the trip of about 675 miles from Mexico City. Lindbergh said. Seven hours and five minutes after he left Mexico City, he landed at Aurora field at 1:40 (central time).

Lindbergh had estimated that the flight might take nine hours and the crowds were wending their way toward the field when the plane appeared between the peaks of the extinct volcanoes Fuego and Agua (Fire and Water).

Guatemala accepted him as a friend and the city conferred upon him the title of "adopted son of Guatemala City."

Lindbergh expects to resume his Central American tour tomorrow morning. Several hours after his arrival, he returned to the flying field and inspected the Spirit of St. Louis.

### Party Takes Off After Brief Halt

Flying back to her Detroit school-room over the air trail of which she was one of the historic blazers, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, the other trail maker, stopped in Brownsville for a short rest Wednesday. The stop was very brief, being only long enough for lunch to be eaten and for the big Ford plane to be given a fresh supply of gasoline.

The party landed here at 12:15 (Continued on page three.)

### HEARST AGENT



Miguel Avila, who sold the documents in which four United States Senators were alleged to have received large sums of money from the Mexican government, has been branded as a "fugitive" by the state of Texas. (Copyright H. E.)

### MRS. LOGAN IS BURIED TODAY

### Wife of County Commissioner Dies In San Benito

SAN BENITO, Dec. 29.—Funeral services for Mrs. Winnie Logan, wife of County Commissioner A. V. Logan, who died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, were held from the home here at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Rev. Foy E. Wallace, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating.

The funeral was attended by all members of the Cameron county commissioners court and other county officials as well as a large number of relatives and friends of the family. Burial was made at Mont Meta Burial Park.

Mrs. Logan was one of the pioneer residents of San Benito, coming to this city with her husband, A. V. Logan, in 1911. She was born in West Virginia in 1854, and came to Texas with her parents shortly after the close of the Civil War. She was united in marriage to Judge A. V. Logan at Comanche, Texas, on December 22, 1875, and they resided in that city until they moved to the Valley 16 years ago.

Mrs. Logan is survived by three children, H. S. Logan of Houston, T. R. Logan, who resides here, and Mrs. B. E. Newsome of Edinburg. Six brothers and sisters, all of whom reside in Texas, also survive her.

She was a life-long member of the Church of Christ, and until recent years was active in church work. She was taken seriously ill over a year ago, and had never been able to leave her bed since that time.

Pall bearers were Judge Samuel Speer, Judge James Q. Louthan, W. S. Brock, W. P. Drake, James A. Bowie and Fred Booth, all old friends of the family since pioneer days.

### Two Aviators Land Here After Two Days Sans Food, Water Over Mexico

Bringing with them a thrilling tale of an adventurous trip into Mexico, featured by crashes and near crashes and being lost for days without food or water, a pair of aviators nursed a limping ship into the Fort Brown drill field Wednesday.

The last 50 miles of the journey was made with an engine hitting on two cylinders, which fluttered out as the men crossed the Rio Grande and a crash was narrowly averted when the landing was made.

The two men, Earl J. Nomenmacher and D. D. Griffin, the former a cameraman for the Harcel Film company, of New Orleans, and the latter an independent pilot of that city, left the Louisiana Airway flying field early in the morning of December 20 to film the landing in Tampico of Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh.

They spent the night here and journeyed to Tampico the next day. There Griffin was sent on to Mexico City to pick up other films, and crashed to earth when he attempted to take off to join his comrade last Saturday. He escaped unhurt, but his plane was so badly damaged that it required the combined efforts of the civil and military mechanics of the Mexican government to repair it.

He eventually landed in Tampico Sunday afternoon, and the hop back to the United States was started, minus breakfast Monday morning. An hour out and engine trouble forced them down in the wilderness.

### DRUGGIST IN HOLDUP SHOT; ALLY IS HELD

### Slayer of Parker Girl Worked in Bank After Killing; Friend Still Employed

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 29. (P)—William Edward Hickman, kidnaper and murderer of little Marian Parker, has confessed to another killing and another series of lesser crimes.

The 19-year-old "fox" obligingly admitted to police late last night that he had shot down J. Thomas, a Rose Hill, Calif., druggist in a gun fight while holding up Thoms' store on Christmas Eve of 1926.

Hickman's newest confession, written in his own hand, implicated Welby Hunt, an Alhambra, Calif., youth in the drug store battle and in the theft of an automobile from Kansas City a few weeks previously. Hunt, arrested and questioned, admitted taking part in the holdup but denied any part in the actual murder of Thoms.

Digging into the records of the Hunt family the police discovered that Hunt's grandfather, prominent citizen of Alhambra, supposedly had committed suicide some time ago by jumping from the Pasadena bridge.

Hickman was regularly employed as a messenger boy by the Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank, of which Perry M. Parker, father of Marian, is an officer. He worked at the bank for a period of about two years, ending six months ago, when he was discharged after becoming involved in a forgery case. Hunt also is believed to have been employed by the bank, and to still be on the payroll of the institution.

The record of Hickman's outburst shows that he continued work at the bank for about six months after the drug store killing, and on being caught in a forgery case, was given probation for the latter offense. He was 18 years old in December, 1926.

An alleged suicide note left by the grandfather entered a new angle of the case when police announced it would be examined in an effort to determine whether it was real or forged. The elder Hunt had been rated as a man of some means and just before his death was said to have transferred a large sum of money to the bank where his son was employed.

Kindness Gets Confession

Police declared Hickman's latest confession was written by him in return for kindness bestowed upon him by jail officials here.

Throughout yesterday Hickman was treated the same as any other prisoner. He was given reading matter and was asked frequently concerning his welfare.

Occasionally one of the jail officials would ask: "Hickman, have you ever killed anyone, else?"

During the late hours of the night the question brought an answer. Hickman was standing with his arms resting against the bars of his cell door. He looked his jailers in the face.

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### PAN-AM HOSTS



At the Pan-American conference at Havana, Cuba, Jan. 16, the modern trend of Cuba will be revealed to the delegates by the Cuban National Tourist Commission, of which Augustin Aguerre, top, is manager of the publicity and information, and Miguel A. Suarez, below, is vice president.

### GALE SWEEPS OVER EUROPE

### Shipping Tied Up And Populace Suffers Food Shortage

PARIS, Dec. 29. (P)—Ports along the English channel, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean were crowded today with storm-bound shipping.

A cold wave set in, adding to the hardships which a north-easterly gale has brought. The gale continued today but there were signs that it might abate soon.

Twenty-five vessels were storm-bound at Havre. Tugs were kept busy helping damaged vessels to port.

The full total of damage in France is not yet known because of disruption of wire service.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29. (P)—Traffic along railroads, highways and canals of Belgium was paralyzed today as a result of a three-day northeasterly gale, which was preceded by a blizzard.

The appearance of wolves in the western part of the country and their attacks on cattle has given rise to a feeling of terror among inhabitants.

Most centers of population are suffering.

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### 'WILL FIND ME IN RIVER' NOTE TO JUDGE SAYS

### J. R. Snoeberger, Away From Home Since Monday With Car, Once Lived Here

Officers of Cameron and Hidalgo counties and members of the border patrol have instituted a search for J. R. Snoeberger, 24, former Brownsville resident, who disappeared from the home of his father, J. P. Snoeberger, at McAllen Monday night after writing a letter to Judge George B. Brown of Brownsville stating "by the time you receive this I will be at the bottom of the river."

Snoeberger left a note to his wife stating he was going to Brownsville to see Judge Brown, and no search was instituted until Judge Brown went to McAllen Wednesday and apprised the family of the contents of the letter he had received.

No trace of Snoeberger or his car had been secured up to noon today, and the search has been extended all along the Rio Grande.

When Snoeberger failed to return Tuesday night the family concluded he had stopped at Harlingen, and were not uneasy concerning him until Judge Brown had gone to McAllen of the contents of the letter. The family stated that he left home some time after midnight, and they are at a loss to explain his action.

Mr. Snoeberger came to Brownsville several years ago and was connected with the Maverick-Clarke Company for some time, later accepting a position with the Patterson Motor Co. as manager of the Matamoros sales department. About a year ago he sold his home here and went to Corpus Christi, coming back to the Valley a few months ago and residing at Harlingen.

Mr. and Mrs. Snoeberger and little daughter had gone to McAllen to spend some time with his parents. For several weeks he had been working as a brush salesman.

Relatives here said that Snoeberger was driving a Ford coupe when he left home and that the license number of the car was 118-453.

### New York Blaze Almost Traps 50

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 29. (P)—Fifty firemen narrowly escaped death today in a \$500,000 blaze which raged the Butler Brothers department store in lower Broadway. The eight floors of the building crashed to the cellar when whit-hot steel pillars gave way just as hosesmen were entering from the street.

A terrific blast followed the collapse of the floors, blowing mangle covers in the street into the air and shattering every window in the building. The flames forced back 125 firemen who had been about to enter.

The blaze started in the basement at the foot of the steel pillars which supported the structure. They buckled with the weight of the eight floors.

### WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and Friday; slightly warmer tonight.

For East Texas: Partly cloudy to unsettled tonight and Friday; somewhat warmer tonight in south and extreme east portions; rain and colder in northwest portion Friday.

### DAILY RIVER BULLETIN

There will be no material change in the river during the next few days.

	Flood Present 24 Hr. 24 Hrs. Stage Chgs. Rain
Del Rio	19 2.1 0.0 .00
Eagle Pass	15 3.1 0.0 .00
Laredo	27 -0.1 0.0 .00
Rio Grande	21 6.0 0.0 .00
Mission	22 5.4 -0.1 .00
San Benito	23 10.0 0.0 .00
Brownsville	18 4.9 -0.2 .00

### TIDE TABLE

High and low tide at Point Isabel tomorrow, under normal meteorological conditions:

High 9:42 p. m.  
Low 2:11 p. m.

### MISCELLANEOUS DATA

Sunset today 5:42  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:13